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Zeki B. Bulbul)
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
COMMUNICATING NETWORK)
TOPOLOGY IN AN OPTICAL)
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

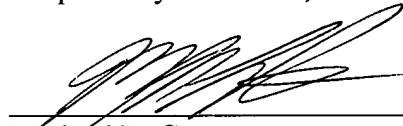
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EXAMINER INITIAL	PATENT NUMBER							ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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